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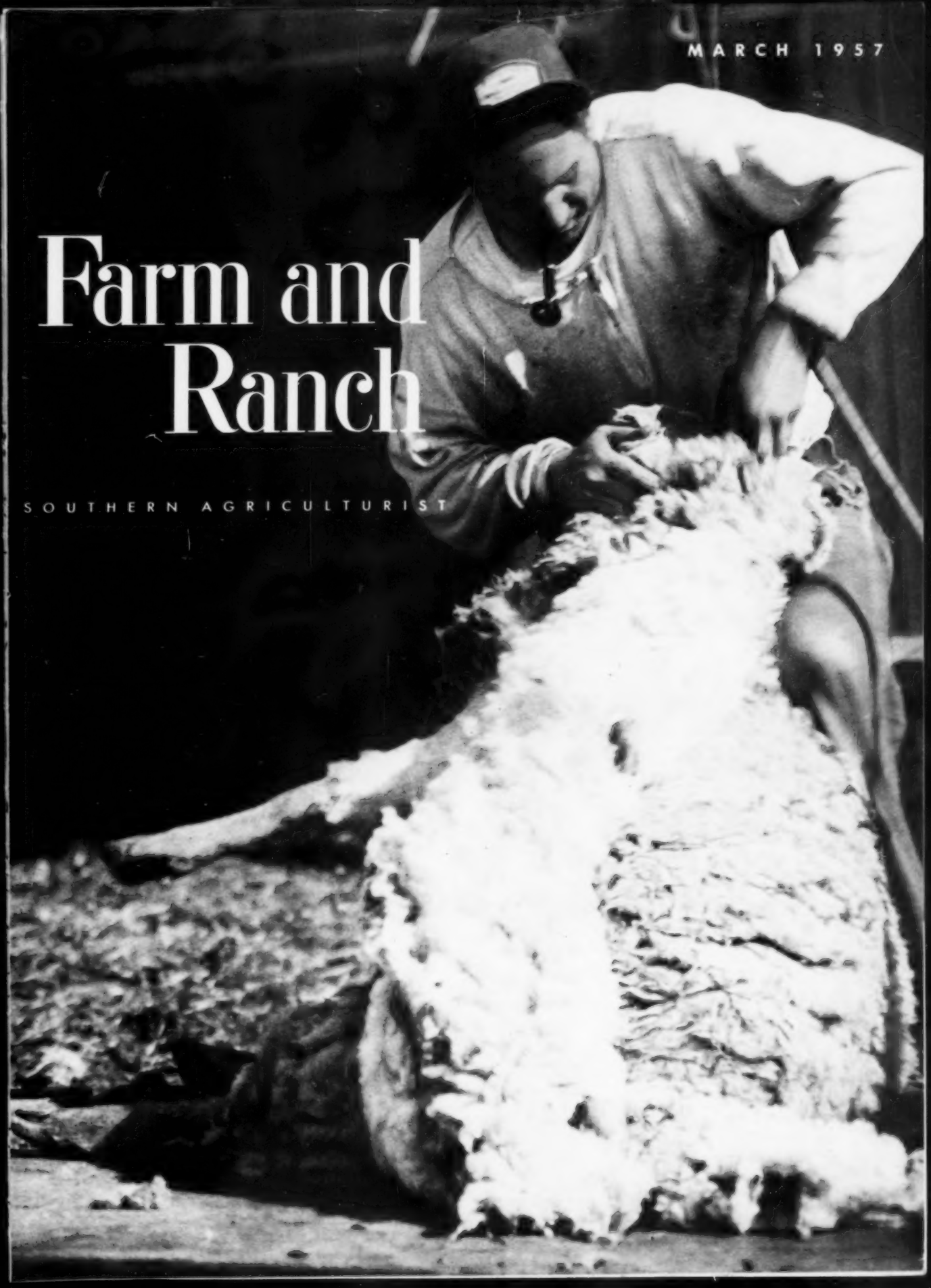

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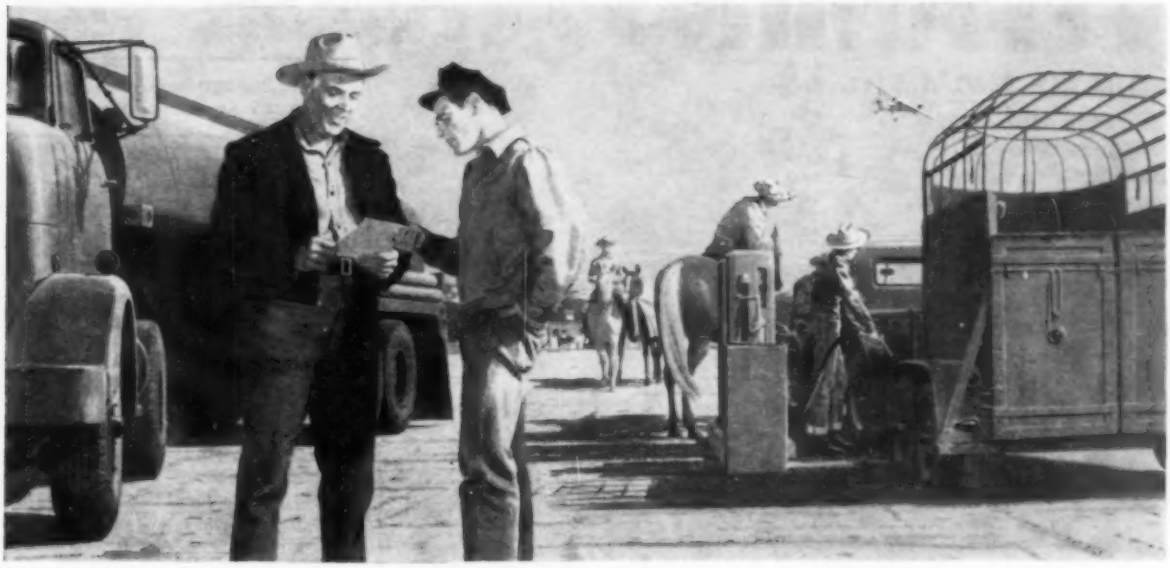

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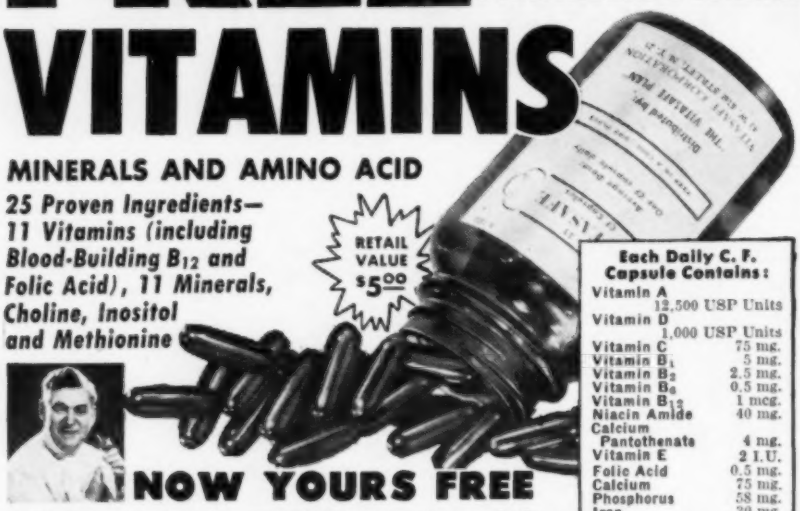

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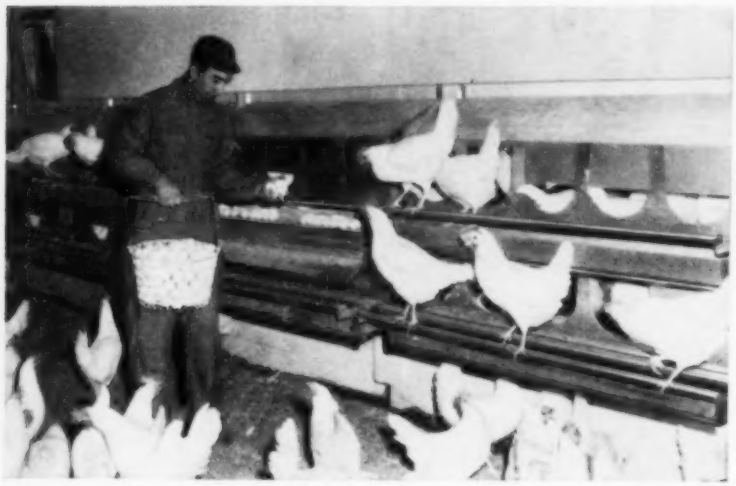
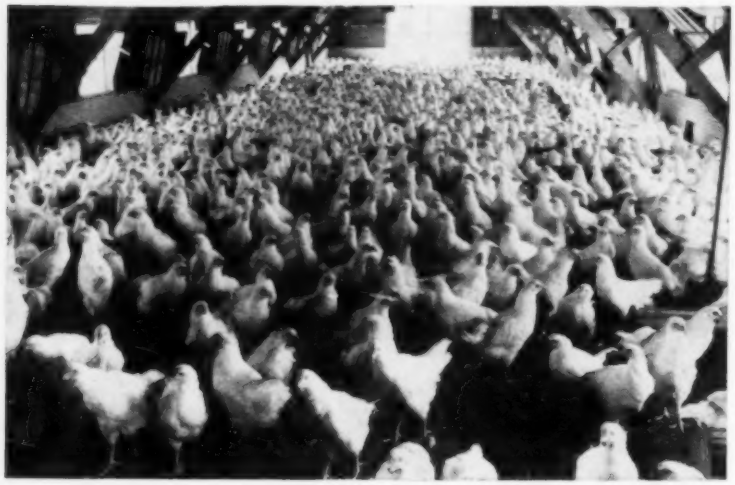


In Egg Production 2 to 10% more eggs, on .3 to 1.6 lbs. less feed per dozen eggs! That's the record of Arsanilic Acid when added to top-notch feeds. At a fraction of the cost, Arsanilic Acid fights sub-clinical diseases much like antibiotics—yet, improves the performance of feeds already fortified with antibiotics. For a profit, after you pay the bill, use egg feeds fortified with Arsanilic Acid!



In Broiler Production *At a fraction of the cost,* Arsanilic Acid fights sub-clinical diseases much like antibiotics—yet it even improves the performance of feeds already fortified with antibiotics. Steps up gains and feed efficiency. Gives birds extra bloom—extra sales appeal. Next time, ask for feeds with low-cost Arsanilic Acid—the feed additive that leaves you money after you pay the bill!

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LETTERS

• • • Allow me to congratulate you on your February editorial. We heartily agree with and enjoy all of your editorials.

We always have and always will be against allotments in crop production, the building of power plants by the government, and above all allowing labor bosses to get control of the country.

America grew into the free country she is by the sweat, toil, and ingenuities of free men, allowed to produce what they pleased to the limits of their own capabilities, and this is the only way to keep her free.

It is much later than many think. We are fast going into Socialism.

A. N. Carver *Fayetteville, N. C.*

• • • You say "Equal Shares is Planned Poverty." That is sure a strange statement, for since when was there such a thing?

Here in York County, S. C. we raise cotton mostly for our money crop. On one farm they have over 100 acres, and on another two or three. Is that equal shares?

When the U. S. was formed it was supposed to be on a Christian basis. But the Christian standard of living is freedom, equality, and moderation in all things. Everything is for the big man in both church and state, and even in the farm papers. . . .

D. H. Smyre *Clover, S. C.*

Socialism and Communism are planned poverty because they cut people down to the same level. Freedom and equality don't mean the same thing. Freedom means the right to be better, be unequal, be uncommon. Equality means equality under law, equality of opportunity. People who are free can't be equal, because they were born unequal in brain capacity and in physical ability. Forced equality is slavery, not freedom.—T. A.

• • • Your article in the January issue is the best I have read about the unions. It is awful what they can do to companies and get by with it. Your paper is the best I ever took to get the truth. I hate to brag on Tom Anderson too much, it might ruin him.

Edgar A. Whittaker *Pound, Va.*

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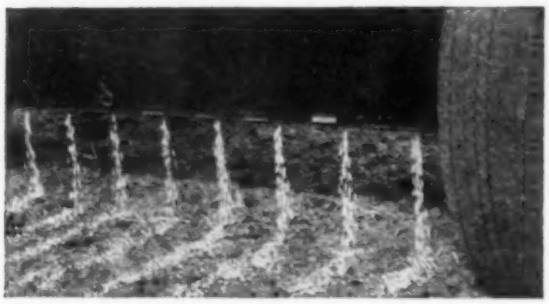

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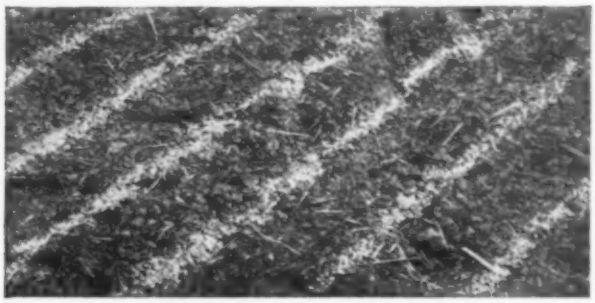

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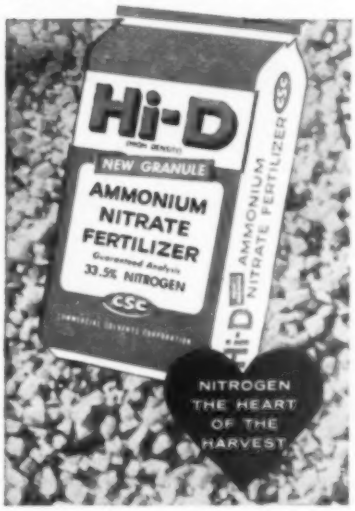
There's another kind of value in Hi-D, too. Its high density means less bulk – 10 bags stack in the same space as 8 bags of other types of nitrate. In the field this means you get up to 25% more nitrogen from a normal hopper load – you cover more ground per load.

Pound for pound, there's no buy like new Hi-D. But, remember that there's no substitute for balanced fertilizers! Hi-D should be just one part of your program for productivity. Your profits go up when your crop unit costs go down. That calls for soil testing, a liming program, the balanced fertilizer your dealer recommends – then the supplemental nitrogen boost with new granule Hi-D Ammonium Nitrate.

See your dealer for a sample of new granule Hi-D. Look for Hi-D in the green and white bag. You can trust Hi-D in the field and in the yield.



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Famous for crop-producing power and easy-drilling quality since 1895!

Letters

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• • • Praise the Lord for someone who still has boldness to tell people the truth about labor unions.

Could you send me several copies of your January "Straight Talk.?"

Mrs. G. W. Spurgeon *Lufkin, Tex.*

• • • It is fortunate for the country that a person like you who can see so clearly the farmer's problems, and the Nation's needs has such a far-flung audience, for your editorials need to go into the homes all over the land, especially into the farm homes, for too often editors of farm papers do not see broadly but yield to unthinking prejudice. My wife reads your editorials, too, as I do, as soon as the magazine reaches home. I began reading the FARM AND RANCH before you were born. . . .

W. E. Thompson *Houston, Tex.*

Just Wants to Be Let Alone

• • • Your "Straight Talk" is the most sensible reading of any farm paper I read. . . .

I am one of those small farmers in Hunt County. I don't ask for government help. All I want is let everyone plant and farm his land as his own judgment and management directs, and I think I can make an honest living.

L. M. Nalls *Quinlan, Tex.*

Why Subsidize Corporate Farms?

• • • Your "Straight Talk" is worth more than the price of the magazine. You should run for president or senator.

I farm for a living, but it's getting harder to make a profit every year. . . . Big organizations have ruined the small farmers. Some raise a crop of tomatoes or cukes in Cuba or Mexico with cheap labor, then sell in USA almost duty free. One shipper has increased his operations in Dade County to 8,000 acres. The state and federal governments spend tax money for drainage in the Everglades. Here large ranches drain ponds or have irrigation systems laid out, by Soil Conservation. Lime and cover crop payments are made—even part of the cost of clearing land.

Why should large corporations be subsidized in their farming? They make our oversupply, not people who farm for a living. Ever since the government started spending taxes helping farmers it has been getting worse. The more they buy the more is produced it seems.

Cornelius Kagen *Wauchula, Fla.*

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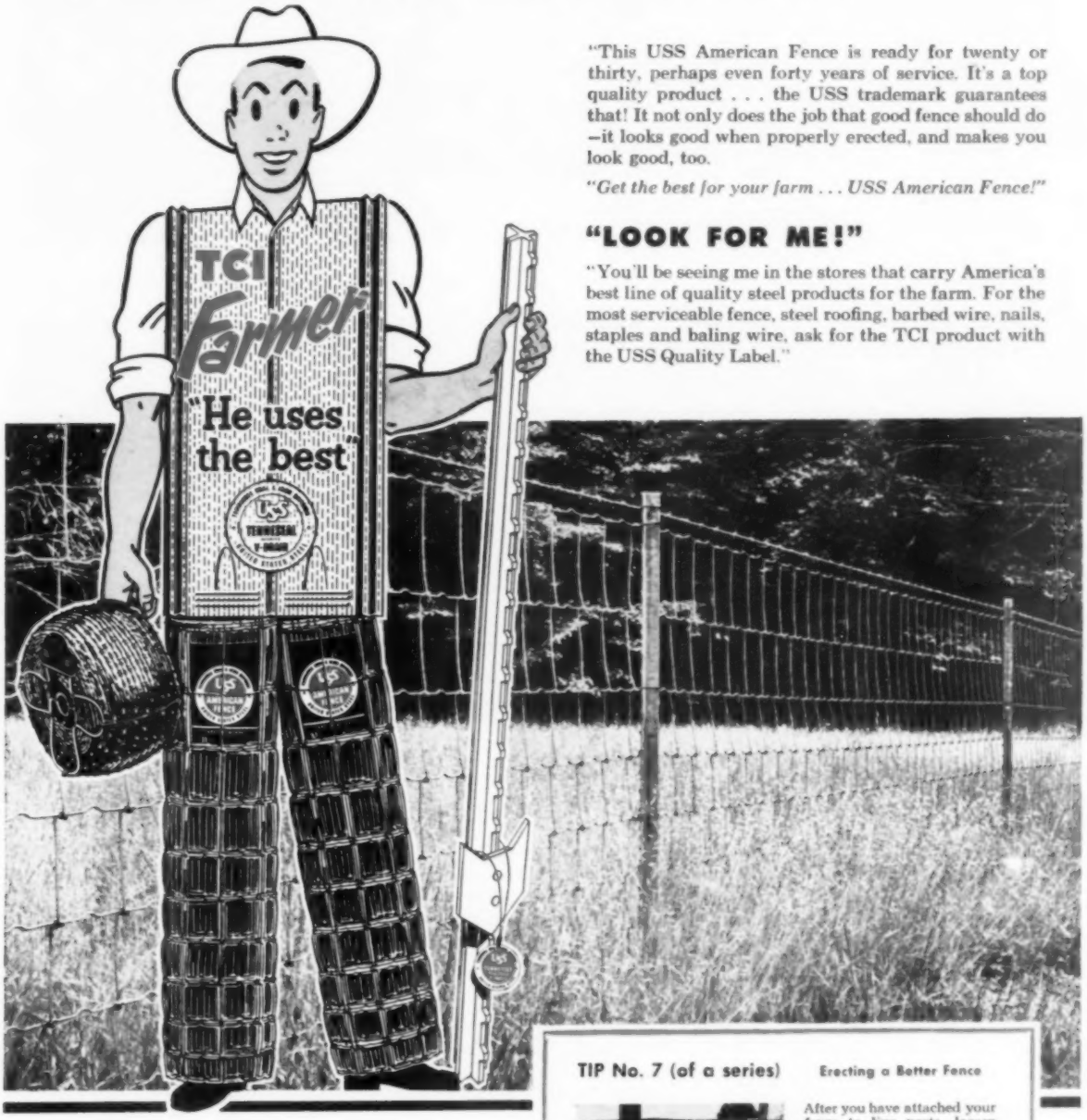

"This USS American Fence is ready for twenty or thirty, perhaps even forty years of service. It's a top quality product . . . the USS trademark guarantees that! It not only does the job that good fence should do —it looks good when properly erected, and makes you look good, too.

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**GRIPTITE staples drive like a nail . . . hold like a fish hook!*

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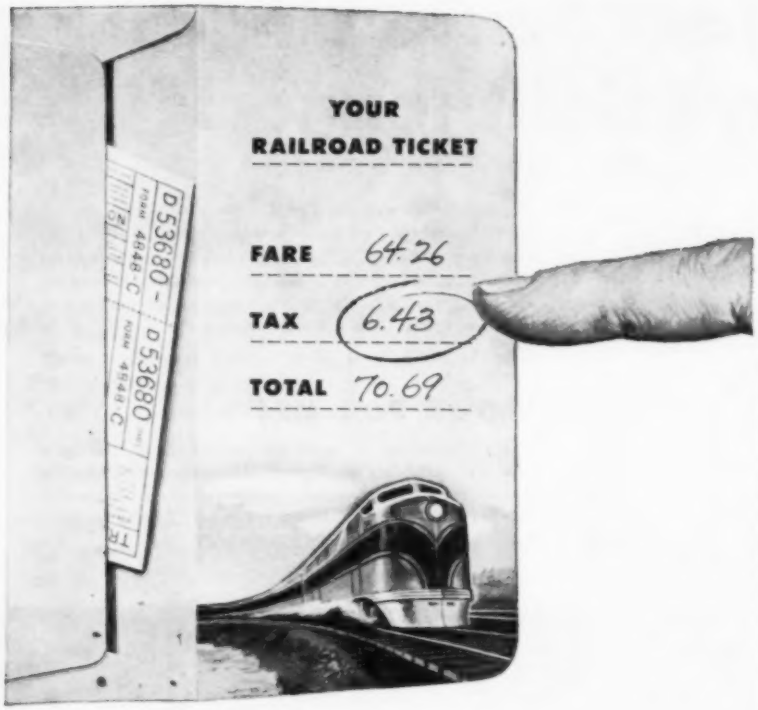

You still pay these "temporary" wartime taxes

During World War II, Congress levied special taxes on the passenger fares and freight charges paid to railroads and other forms of public for-hire transportation. One reason for these special taxes was to discourage the use of these transportation facilities in wartime.

The war ended more than ten years ago but these taxes go on – and on. They still add an extra 10 per cent to the passenger fares you pay, and they add 3 per cent to the freight charges on everything that moves by public carriers such as railroads.

The reason for these "temporary" wartime taxes vanished long ago. But they are still discouraging the use of our public transportation systems. And by so doing, these taxes are weakening our public carriers—essential to peacetime commerce and vital to national defense.

These discriminatory and burdensome taxes should be repealed – *now!*

ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICAN RAILROADS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

President

• • • It is my wish that Thomas J. Anderson could be president of the United States, with the powers of an absolute dictator. I trust him to that extent.

M. N. Fain *Whitewright, Tex.*

Liar

• • • In your January editorial you state that there are eight Southern states with right-to-work laws. It is also a fact that the average wages and working conditions in those states are the worst in the nation. You also say that the American Farm Bureau and National Grange favor right-to-work laws and it is common knowledge that both organizations are largely influenced by and dictated to by business men.

. . . You also lie when you say that millions pay union dues against their will.

. . . You couldn't even make an efficient town constable, much less a president. I notice a few think otherwise, but Barnum said one of that sort is born every minute.

Come to think of it, if it's really that bad, maybe you could be president but, as you said about the Farmers Union, perish the thought.

O. W. Noblitt *Temple, Okla.*

Most Able

• • • The most able editorial I have seen in many moons. Thinking people want to be free and stay free from any dictation by any boss, union or any other kind.

Walter Bailey *Fort Worth, Tex.*

Knot-Head

• • • After reading "Straight Talk" in the last issue by that Knot-head Anderson about labor unions and right-to-work laws, you couldn't give me FARM AND RANCH. . . .

Joe Dillard *Prattville, Ala.*

(Member of International Association of Machinists Union)

• • • I enjoy reading FARM AND RANCH very much. I think it is the best farm magazine to be had and I take some six or eight farm magazines.

Your "Straight Talk" cannot be beat. I sent a copy together with letter to our state senators and congressmen in Washington. I am sure the majority of the American citizens are in favor of right-to-work laws.

Irvin Fly *Milan, Tennessee*

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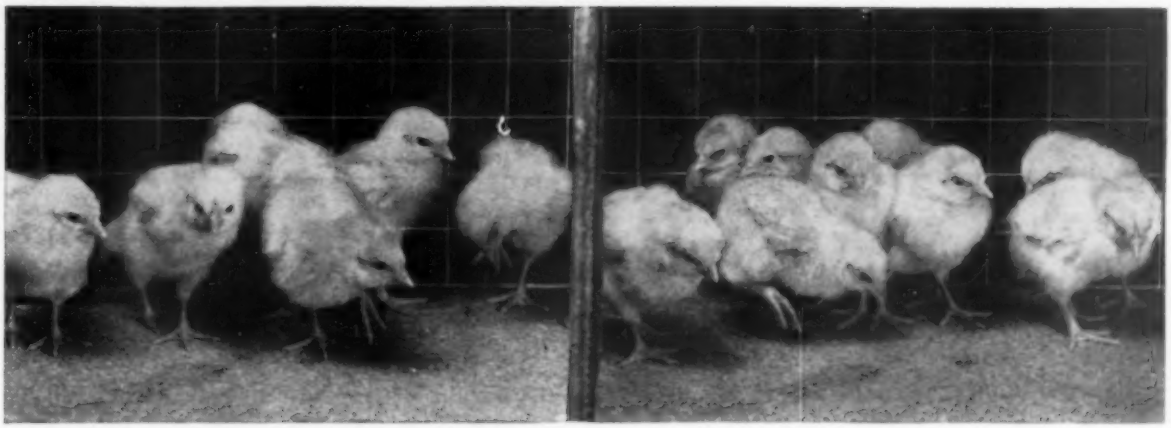

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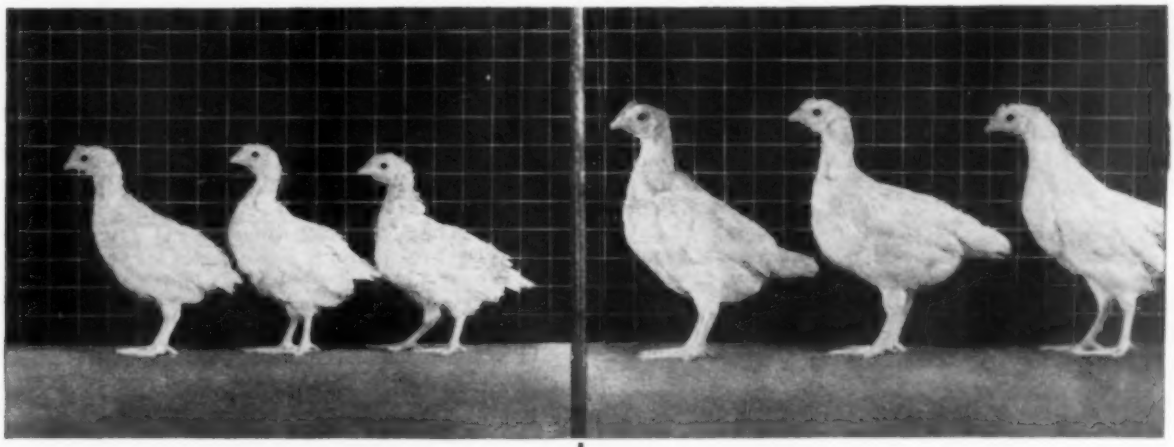

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COTTONCAST

By Gerald Dearing

THE NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL, meeting in St. Louis, has recommended the extension of the competitive sale of cotton for export from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks for another year. The program has disposed of some 6,300,000 bales this season and may step up exports to 7 million bales compared with 2,200,000 bales last year.

THE SOIL BANK SIGNUP is under way, with some counties reporting that their funds have been exhausted in the first few days of registering on a first come, first served basis. If you want to participate in the Soil Bank and find this condition prevailing, insist on signing up anyway. About March 1, when the trend is indicated, unused funds from counties where Soil Bank is not popular will be transferred to other counties within the state, and later from state to state.

THERE WILL BE A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN by nonproducers in the cotton industry to spread the theory of export subsidies or compensatory payment programs among farmers in the months ahead.

THE COUNCIL VOTED for a stepped-up campaign of sales promotion and marketing research. It also authorized a study of means to finance the overseas promotional program when the Public Law 480 funds are no longer available.

Dr. M. K. Horne, Council economist, predicted that if the sales promotion efforts for cotton are pushed abroad, and if the present trends continue, the American cotton farmer within 5 years will have a domestic market of 11 million bales and an expanding export market that will have reached 9 million bales within that time. On the other hand, he added, if the aggressive marketing efforts are relaxed, the offtake at home and abroad can decline from the present high levels of approximately 15 million bales a year.

COTTON PRODUCER GEO. C. CHANCE, of Bryan, Tex., was elected president of the Council. He succeeds Francis J. Beatty, of Charlotte, N.C. Beatty becomes president of the board of directors.

USDA can be expected to announce its new program sometime in February, almost certainly by March 1, when it is expected to make the 1955 loan cotton available for purchase for shipment abroad. The announcement has been delayed to permit the Council to make its endorsement and for the futures markets to carry their protests against it to the Department and to the White House.

THE ACTION WAS TAKEN over the increasing demand by shippers and the futures exchanges that a one-price system be developed either through an export subsidy program or through a program of compensatory payments to farmers. While approving the extension for one year, the shipper element let it be known that they will oppose another extension in 1958.

THE INFLATIONARY TREND in the country will have the tendency to increase the parity price of cotton, thus increasing the final loan figure when it is announced in July. There is another factor that may step up the loan price. That is that before the final determination is made, another consideration of domestic offtake, crop size and exports must be made. By July, the effects of the Soil Bank may be known. They can only be guessed now. The consumption and export estimates will be more realistic. Final support figures may be well over the minimums announced by USDA.

THE COUNCIL OPPOSED any governmental action which would place maximum dollar limits, because of size of farm, upon any farmer's participation or benefit from a price support program or payment program.

FARMERS CAN IMPROVE their cotton quality if they want to. Most recent example of this is on the Texas High Plains. Under fire for growing unwanted short staple cottons for the loan, because there was little market demand for them, growers on the High Plains organized to campaign for better quality. The result: Within one year they increased the average staple length of High Plains cotton a sixteenth of an inch, from 29/32 to 31/32 inch. It can be done.

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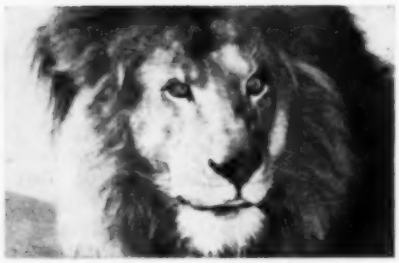

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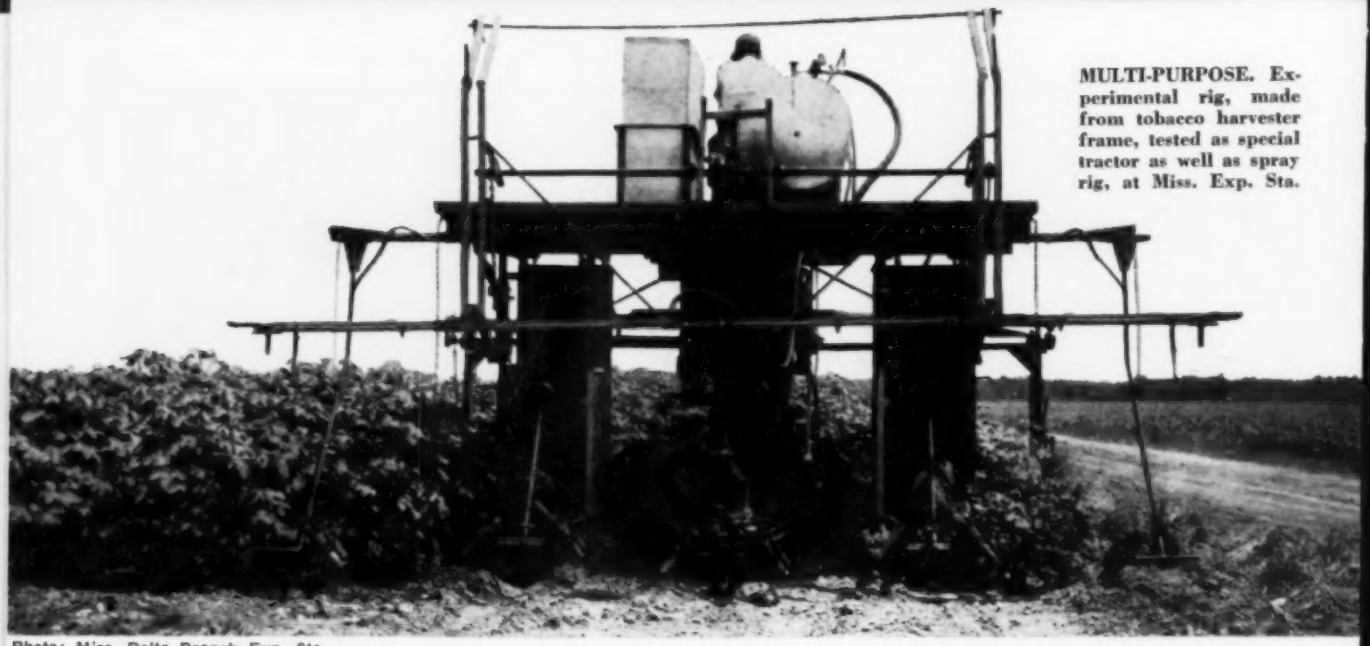


MULTI-PURPOSE. Experimental rig, made from tobacco harvester frame, tested as special tractor as well as spray rig, at Miss. Exp. Sta.

Photo: Miss. Delta Branch Exp. Sta.

How you can use HIGHBOYS

Get the most from high-clearance rigs for tall-crop insect control

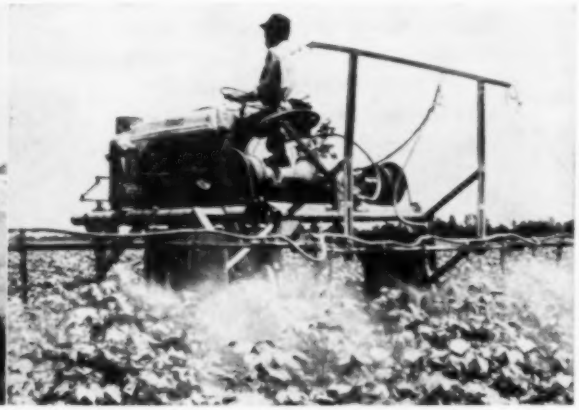
By Robert Lee

WHEREVER corn, cotton and tobacco grow tall and insects grow fast, you'll find at least a few high-clearance self-propelled spray rigs this summer. A lot of crop farmers who have insect-control problems on a big-acreage scale figure they're a good investment. (Although "highboy" is used by one manufacturer as a trade name, it's often used as a general description for any high-clearance rig.)

Arkansas Exp. Station recently figured out that owning and operating a factory-built high-clearance rig will cost you about $420 a year if you have 250 acres, and spray or dust it four times. Hiring custom application the same number of times would cost you about $480, the Station estimated. The difference gets bigger as the number of acres and applications increases. And in most tall-corn acres, it does take more than four mid-season and late-season applications of insecticide.

Some owners help repay their investment in a *(Continued on next page)*

DO IT YOURSELF. H. C. Emmick, Lewisport, Ky., took an old Farmall F-20, two old truck transmissions, less than $100 worth of scrap metal, and made this one. With booms attached, it'll spray corn and tobacco.



TRACTOR ON STILTS. You can build one like this, or buy one complete, converting ordinary wide-tread tractor like this into high-clearance rig. Joe Hall, Merigold, Miss., owns this.

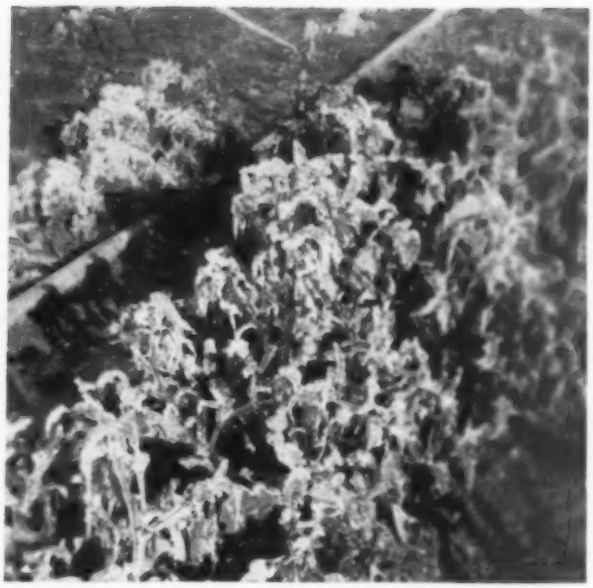
factory-built high-clearance rig (generally from about $1,400 to a little over $2,100, depending on special attachments and accessories like lights and starter) with other uses of the rig. One manufacturer makes a cotton topper attachment, for tall-cotton areas like the Mississippi Delta area where topping is sometimes a good idea. Spray boom attachments can be used to apply liquid (solution) fertilizer and weed control chemicals. And the advantage of ground defoliation over aerial application of defoliants for cotton — being able to do it when you want to and just as many acres as you want to — makes the high-clearance rigs useful in defoliating rank cotton.

Corn growers use the high-clearance spraying (or dusting) rigs for applying granular DDT (or other insecticides) for corn borer control. Corn growers also use a topping attachment for clipping of corn above the ear to hasten maturity and make mechanical picking easier, or for detasseling—one North Carolina grower has found that detasseling his *commercial* corn crop actually pays off.

For about $1,000, plus labor costs, you can have a wide-front-tread type tractor (Ford, Ferguson, etc.) mounted on "stilts" (like the photo on page 16, at lower right) and have a high-powered "highboy." Similarly built rigs are made by one manufacturer complete, for slightly over $2,000.

B. M. and Harvey Segrest built this one for their Macon County, Ala., farm, for dusting cotton without damaging foliage. Note tractor used for power.

The Hahn Hi-boy, new model of a popular factory-built high-clearance spray rig for use in tall growing crops.



This field of onions and peppers is being protected from frost damage by the constant formation of ice from sprinkler irrigation. Water is broken up into fine mist for greater coverage of area.

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FROST is tricky. It can hit by surprise in early fall or late spring and wipe out a fruit or truck crop overnight, as happened in 1955.

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This glacial protection works best on low-growing plants such as strawberries, peppers, beans, peas, broccoli, squash, cucumbers and tomatoes. Fruit trees, sweet corn, celery and a few other tall plants can be protected by sprinkler irrigation without damage during a light frost when little ice is formed. But ice formed during a heavy frost or freeze can do more harm than the cold because of the ice-load.

In Michigan, strawberries have been saved when temperatures fell to 18 degrees and tomatoes at 20 degrees. R. L. Kimbrough, Crawford County, Arkansas, says he protected tomato plants last March when the temperature fell to 24 degrees. He set three lateral lines across his field at 60-foot intervals, with some of the sprinklers set 60 feet, some 90 feet apart. The sprinkled area from one sprinkler met, or overlapped a few feet, the sprinkled area from the next sprinkler. One nozzle of each sprinkler was plugged. By use of 80 pounds pressure, water was broken up into mist for greater coverage.

Frank Reed, also of Crawford County, set one line of pipe in his bean field to protect an area 100 feet wide. Temperature was below freezing. The irrigation system was run at 80 pounds pressure from midnight to sun-up. The protected area was saved and Reed got two extra pickings of beans. Rate of water application was just enough to prevent damage to the plants, less than half the normal amount needed for irrigation.

By H. L. Gantz

(More about sprinkler protection for truck crops on page 33)

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By BOB NICHOLS
from the Nation's Capital

Expand the Acreage Reserve?

THIS session of Congress will still see some brawling over a new corn program, and some fussing over modifications to the Soil Bank itself, but nothing like last year's.

▶ **Farm-state Senators** show little inclination to demand major overhauls in the farm program; most of them are willing to let the present program—for crops other than corn—be tried out through this year. And no major clash over the Soil Bank itself has developed between Secretary Benson and Southern Representatives—or seems likely to, although there is some skirmishing.

▶ **An increase in Acreage Reserve rates** for tobacco is still wanted by some Southern Representatives, however. Since they can't get it from USDA, they'll ask Congress for it, and probably get it—eventually. And they still want a Soil Bank that's "fair" to Southern farmers.

Representative Bass (Tenn.) has also called for relaxation of limits on the percentage of a farm's tobacco acreage each farmer can place in the Acreage Reserve. Bass contends that the grower who has three acres of tobacco, for example, wouldn't put any of his acreage into the Reserve unless he could put it all in.

▶ **Drouth and low-income relief** functions of the Soil Bank will get more attention. Bass has tossed into the Congressional hopper a bill to cushion tobacco growers against future acreage allotment cuts by letting any acres lost by cuts be placed in Acreage Reserve. Thus, growers would be compensated for any of their acres idled by any further cuts. And some Western Congressmen still want grassland to be made eligible for Acreage Reserve, as an aid to drouth-stricken ranchers. It'll be hard for the Administration to argue against that one, after Ike's drouth-area tour.

▶ **The corn-program squabble** in Congress will mostly be about the minimum support level, with some conflict possible over how much Soil Bank participation shall be mandatory for corn support compliance. Secretary Benson wants a support level minimum at 70 percent; Midwestern Congressmen will feel obliged to demand a higher one. Agreement on a national acreage allotment of 51 million acres of corn is probable, with a requirement that each grower place 15 percent of his allotted acreage in the Reserve.

▶ **The export sales program** for farm products is one program nearly everybody seems to be happy about. It's proving more successful than even its strongest advocates expected—having been responsible for the seven million bales of '56-57 exports of cotton, for example, compared with some two million bales the previous year. The results with some other crops are almost as good. The President, in his 1957 economic message to Congress, has asked for an additional billion dollars to keep the program going full speed.

A dramatic shrinkage of farm surplus stockpiles is resulting from the accelerated export sales program plus regular cash exports. It's good news for everybody—for farmers not the least of all. Shrinking stockpiles mean less danger of future acreage cuts, more possibility that allotments can be increased in the future and lessening of the effect of the stockpiles as a ceiling on prices of supported crops.

Now that most factions in Congress seem to be pretty well agreed with the Administration on the export sales program (as a "two-price" system by another name, although the Administration denies it's that), the Department of Agriculture is anxious to have the program moving as fast as possible. Reducing the farm surpluses to the "manageable proportions" the Secretary has talked about is essential before the next elections, to be able to point to as proof that the Administration's farm program is working. The Soil Bank alone could not accomplish that.

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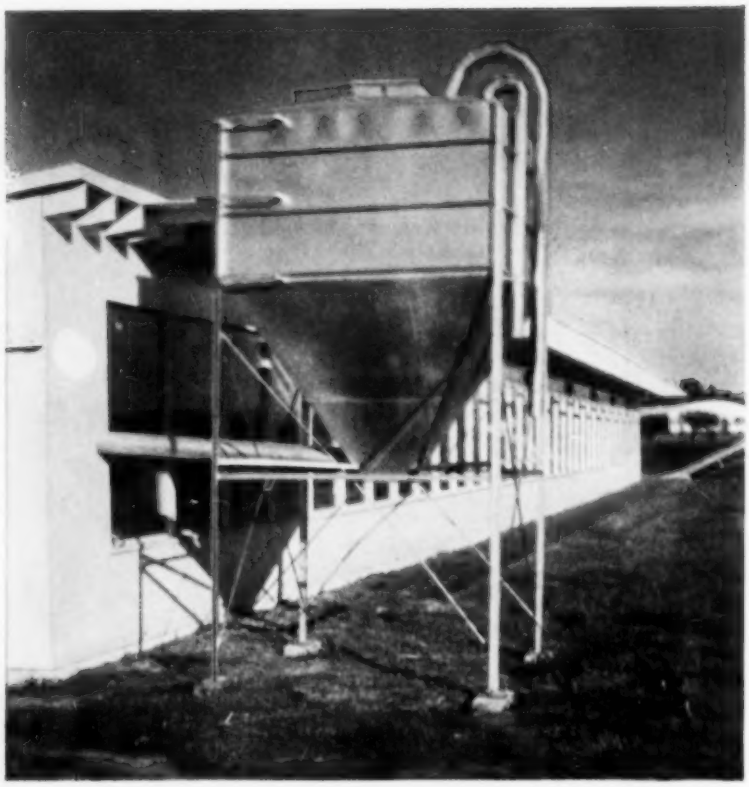

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Photo at left shows the automatic bin feeder at one end of the poultry house. On the other end (photo below), the automatic loader takes manure from a belt conveyor that cleans the house, and dumps it into truck or spreader.

HARNESSED heat from the sun for warmth. Electric exhaust fans for perfect heat control and ventilation. Solidly built, completely insulated houses—with feed automatically fed from a bin at one end and an automatic cleaner that pitches manure into trucks at other end.

It sounds a little elaborate and complicated just to keep a bunch of hens happy at their work. But Charles Ventress of Duluth, Georgia, has four such hangouts for hens at his breeding farm—and he is sure we'll be seeing more automatic solar houses in the South.

When this outstanding breeder of cockrels for broiler crosses first saw solar heat working to perfection in the East—and noted the enthusiasm of poultrymen using "Old Man Sun" for heat—he decided to give it a try.

He was discouraged on all sides. Experiment station and other poultrymen said he wouldn't get the same advantages in the South. They pointed out that solar heat called for expensive housing, which is not a must in this climate, and that he'd have trouble cooling the houses in summer.

But as a breeder Ventress was accustomed to heavy expense. He was determined to give solar heat a try; and while he was about it he made the houses completely automatic inside and out.

That's how he came to get a two-year jump on the entire industry with this promising new type of poultry house in the South. (He is convinced that solar heat is just that.) He doesn't argue with the claims that installations are expensive—but then he points to his savings in fuel bills and labor costs. He believes the houses can be built economically in the South once manufacturers really take hold. One manufacturer is already offering them ready for assembly on the farm at costs less than half what Ventress paid for his ($5,000 to $7,000). He thinks experiment stations will be forced to do more work along the lines of

By BILL KENNEDY

HEAT FOR HENS...

...is it the coming thing for the South?

solar heat and that the houses will one day become popular.

One thing that will help is the fact that these houses can take care of more hens in the same amount of space. On this farm, three times as many hens are housed in the same amount of floor space required in conventional houses—and with no adverse effects. (Better performance than ever before.)

The principle is actually simple. The shed type houses are built facing due south. All sides are boxed solid except the tall south wall which is closed two-thirds way down from the top with a special heat absorbing glass (Thermapane), and insulated inside with plain glass. Small exhaust openings, about a foot square, are spaced just under the eaves every few feet around the other three walls. There is an intake opening for fans at one end.

Facing south, the glass catches the full force of the low-circulating winter sun; but in summer (when cooling is the problem), the sun moves straight overhead and is easily shaded off the glass with a wide eave. A thermostat stands guard inside the house to see that it doesn't get too hot. When the temperature rises above the thermostat setting, the exhaust fans switch on to bring cool air in from outside—and when the temperature drops the fans cut off. The fans provide both cooling and fresh air ventilation.

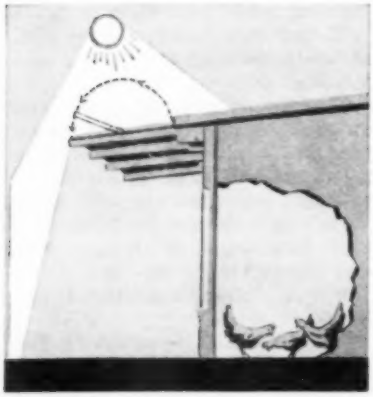
Four-foot eaves on the front of the house are adjustable to help keep sun on or off the glass in unseasonable weather. They may be folded back to two feet, or all the way back leaving no eaves at all. (Photo and drawings, below)

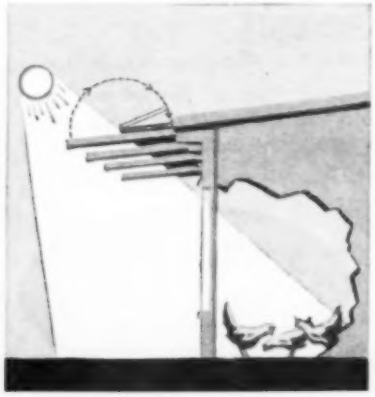
All walls and the roof are well insulated. A metallic paper insulation is used between ceiling and outside walls (Ventress' houses are of concrete block). An air space between the inside and outside glass on the south gives good insulation and prevents moisture forming inside.

Does it really work? Apparently Ventress has proved that there is plenty of sun, cloudy or bright, to provide heat in the winter—and that forced ventilation can keep an insulated house cool in the summer. Animal heat from the hens and stored heat in the building keep the house warm from sundown to sunup, with the fans resting under thermostatic control.

Charles Ventress declares that the temperature hasn't varied more than two degrees from the thermostat setting in his houses between the hours of noon and midnight on any day—winter or summer—since he started using them.

How the solar house uses the sun's rays for heat. Drawing at left shows how adjustable eaves are extended in summer, when sun is high in sky, to keep sun's rays out. In winter (center drawing and photo at right) eaves are narrowed to let sun's rays through glass.





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George Brenn *Englewood, N. J.*
(Foreman's Digest)

Honest Thinking

• • • As a student of economics I have eagerly awaited each of your editorials. Each of your editorials has been a superb example of the sincere thoughts of a conscientious person, with no end except to cause some stagnated individuals to do a little honest thinking of their own for a change. Your opinions indicate that you have nothing to sell—except a return to self-reliance—and nothing to gain — except the admiration of freedom-loving individuals.

Your statement that "the editorials represent our conscience and are not a commodity to be bartered to the highest bidder" is a classic which should put the many editorial writers whose editorials come from wire services and influential groups to shame. Contrary to many expressed opinions, I feel that you are for the farmer. The "all I want is what benefits me most" idea has got to go. Your position that only a return to self-reliance will benefit the farmer in the long run, is truly commendable in this period of seemingly short-sightedness.

May your courage and concern for your fellow man never diminish!
Larry Joe Cook *Columbia, Miss.*

• • • Sure enjoy "Straight Talk." It encourages me to find one who is not afraid to speak out. Keep it up.

The editorial about "ruthless Reuther" some time ago, should be published all over the country. . . .

The government of Wisconsin, also the government in Washington, should hide their heads in shame, for allowing the rein of terror at the Kohler Company some time ago.

Had the authorities any "guts" they could have stopped it. It might have cost some votes though.

It was a disgrace to our United States.
C. O. Collett *Raymondville, Tex.*

(Continued)

• • • We are in receipt of a copy of "Straight Talk," and we note that you will give permission to reprint the various articles contained therein by giving proper credit to FARM AND RANCH. . . .

We publish a patriotic tabloid, entitled DAWN, which goes into the entire 48 states as well as a number of foreign countries. On the 5th and 6th of October, we used our general offices for a meeting of farmers from many states, at which time they organized the National Federation of Independent Farm Groups. Many of these people should be prospective subscribers to FARM AND RANCH.

There are two articles that we would like to run immediately. One is on the Hoover Commission, and the other is the Open Letter to Ruthless Reuther.

Sherwood C. Ide, Sr.
(Dawn) *Portland, Ind.*

• • • If I were not able to subscribe for but one magazine that one would be the FARM AND RANCH, even though it published nothing other than Mr. Anderson's "Straight Talk." . . .

W. B. Chilton *Springfield, Tenn.*

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The editors of FARM AND RANCH and radio station WSM's Farm Director, John McDonald, began a new farm radio program on February 11, on station WSM, Nashville.

The new program, "Old McDonald's FARM AND RANCH Roundup," is planned to provide better service to the vast farm audience served by both FARM AND RANCH and WSM. It's another step by our editors to make FARM AND RANCH more useful to its 1,300,000 subscriber families. We believe it's the only farm radio program of its kind, produced cooperatively by a radio station and a farm magazine.

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Poultry Letter

(New ideas and current market information for poultrymen)

EGG PRICES DURING THE FALL and winter months of 1957-58 are unlikely to improve from a year earlier, unless egg supplies then are smaller than the record fall production of last year. To get a decrease in egg production, producers would have to make a cut of more than 8% from last year's number of chicks raised for laying flock replacement, concludes the new Poultry Survey Committee.

That's because there has been steady year-to-year increase in egg production per layer during fall and early winter months, and because in the years when producers reduce number of replacement chicks they raise, they tend to house a larger number of pullets from each 100 chicks purchased. Also, they hold hens longer and save more of them for a second year of laying.

DEMAND PROSPECTS FOR EGGS appear to be about same as existed in 1956. And, with a normal feed crop and no marked shift in government price policy, the outlook is for slightly lower feed costs for the year starting Sept. 1.

IMPROVED PRICE PROSPECTS during the first quarter of 1957, plus the rate of egg settings in early Jan., will mean market supplies after March will again be substantially above a year earlier. With continued strong demand in prospect, an increase of perhaps 5 to 10% in broiler market supplies during the April-June quarter of 1957 could move at prices equal to 1956 levels. Since it currently appears that the industry is heading for a supply in excess of 10% above a year ago, prices during second quarter will average below those received in '56.

Broiler prices will probably increase into March, rising perhaps as much as 3 to 5 cents above Dec. levels. Market supplies during Jan. and Feb. have been about 9% above levels of the same period in 1956. During March, because of a sharp cut-back in placements around the Christmas holidays, supplies will be only 6% above the year-ago level.

Feed prices during the first half of 1957 will average about the same as a year earlier. Chick prices during this period will probably be slightly below a year ago. Except as improvements in efficiency are made, the anticipated price and cost situation will result in lower broiler returns during Jan. through June as compared to the like period in 1956.

A TURKEY CROP OF 84 MILLION BIRDS is indicated -- up to 10% from the record crop of 1956. A crop of this size will move to market at substantially lower prices than were received for the 1956 crop. Any probable declines in feed prices will come too late to help turkey growers during the heavy feeding season of 1957.

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FARMING AHEAD

THE LATEST FIRST—FOR THE SOUTHEAST

Champion Small-Flock Sheepman in Virginia is M. F. Whitaker, of Washington County. His average income per ewe was $45.58, tops in the state's "returns per ewe" contest.

Larger Federal Land Bank Loans on better farms are now possible, with recent changes in appraisal standards. Loan limit is now $200,000 instead of $100,000. Interest rate depends on rate bank must pay investors on its bonds and the cost of operation.

Redbine 58, a new double-dwarf early-maturing variety grain sorghum, is adapted to late planting when early moisture is not available. It's dependable for grain production under adverse conditions. Seed available for '57 planting.

Big Problem in Planning participation in Soil Bank can be getting adequate and reliable information from county ASC offices, judging from reports from some farmers. "Misinformation from county ASC cost me over $400," laments one Oklahoman. And "I've been unable to get reliable information from my local ASC office," complains a Montana farmer. What's your experience?

On March 2 state ASC committees can ask for surplus Soil Bank money from other states for a particular crop. Farmers who have previously applied to put excess acres of the allotted crop into the bank may get to. Landlords and tenants are required to share the Soil Bank payment on same basis they share in the crop involved.

Corn Supply for marketing year ending Sept. 30, 1957, probably will be about 18% above 1950-1954 average. Price of corn and other feed grains may be lower in late spring and in summer compared with 1955-1956. But much depends on '57 crop prospects and government policy on disposal of surplus grains.

The Spotted Alfalfa Aphid, villain of Western alfalfa fields, is now threatening much of the Southeast. It was reported last year from Mississippi to Kentucky to Virginia, apparently can now show up almost anywhere alfalfa is grown. It can be controlled with insecticides (Toxaphene, Parathion, Diazinon, Thiodan, Malathion and others) but control is difficult.

"Vertical Mulching," a modified kind of subsoiling, is showing promise in Indiana for prolonging beneficial effects of subsoiling in soils which tend to seal over soon after subsoiling is done.

Procedure is to blow large amounts of chopped forage into the deep slit made by subsoiler, filling it with organic matter so that deep channel into soil is maintained until organic matter decays; water continues to penetrate into the channel.

Idea might work on some Southeastern soils to get water absorption into soil where effects of ordinary subsoiling don't last long enough otherwise.

Guthion, a new cotton insecticide, is now officially recommended for weevil control in most areas. It has approval for control of both resistant and non-resistant weevils; Guthion plus DDT also controls bollworms.

Recently-announced Cuts in Acreage allotments for fire-cured and air-cured tobacco make it more certain that some tobacco-state Congressmen will try for more liberal Soil Bank provisions for tobacco growers.

There's better than a 50-50 chance that Acreage Reserve rates for tobacco will be increased by several cents a pound, but not before planting dates.

Edisto, a new cantaloupe by the S.C. Exp. Sta. is expected to meet growers' demands for a better market melon. S.C. horticulturist Dr. M. B. Hughes warns that further testing is needed to prove it, but the melon looks like an excellent trucking variety as well as a good yielder. Limited amounts of seed available this year.

A Definite Resistance of some boll weevils to insecticides has been established in tests conducted by Miss. Agri. Exp. Sta. Results indicate that weevils in the hill counties (of the state) as a whole are still susceptible to chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides such as toxaphene, endrin and dieldrin. But in the tall-cotton Delta counties, some weevils were distinctly resistant at all dosages. Copies of the complete report available from the state's Experiment Sta., at State College. Similar proved resistance was found on only one farm in Southeast outside state of Miss.

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Livestock Letter

the Latest-First

RATIO OF CATTLE TO PEOPLE during past 25 years has varied from 50 to 62 cattle per 100 people. Present ratio is 50 to 100. If present population trends continue, livestock production in U.S. will have to be increased 45% by 1975, says John King, N. Mex. Extension economist.

MILK FROM COWS TREATED FOR MASTITIS with antibiotics, such as penicillin, must not be placed on market until 72 hours after treatment, warns A. M. Meekam, Texas Extension dairy husbandman.

COOLING SYSTEM FOR GILTS AND SOWS during summer can increase size of fall litters, Okla. trials show. Sows having access to mist sprayer under open shade produced 2.35 more pigs per litter than a similar group of sows kept in open shade without spray.

UP TO $300 MILLION YEARLY to compensate livestock producers who voluntarily reduce cattle numbers or grazing periods below authorized limits is provided in a bill introduced in Congress by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, Utah. Bill places limit of $10,000 annual compensation to one individual, with no payment on private land areas less than 30 acres. Bill would permit stockmen to participate in grazing reserve program similar to the Acreage and Conservation Reserve programs for producers of basic commodities.

SURPLUS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS this year will probably be no larger than in '56. It may well be smaller, since prospective increase in milk output is below actual increase of past year. Prices will continue above a year earlier through March, says USDA. Level of supports will influence prices after Apr. 1.

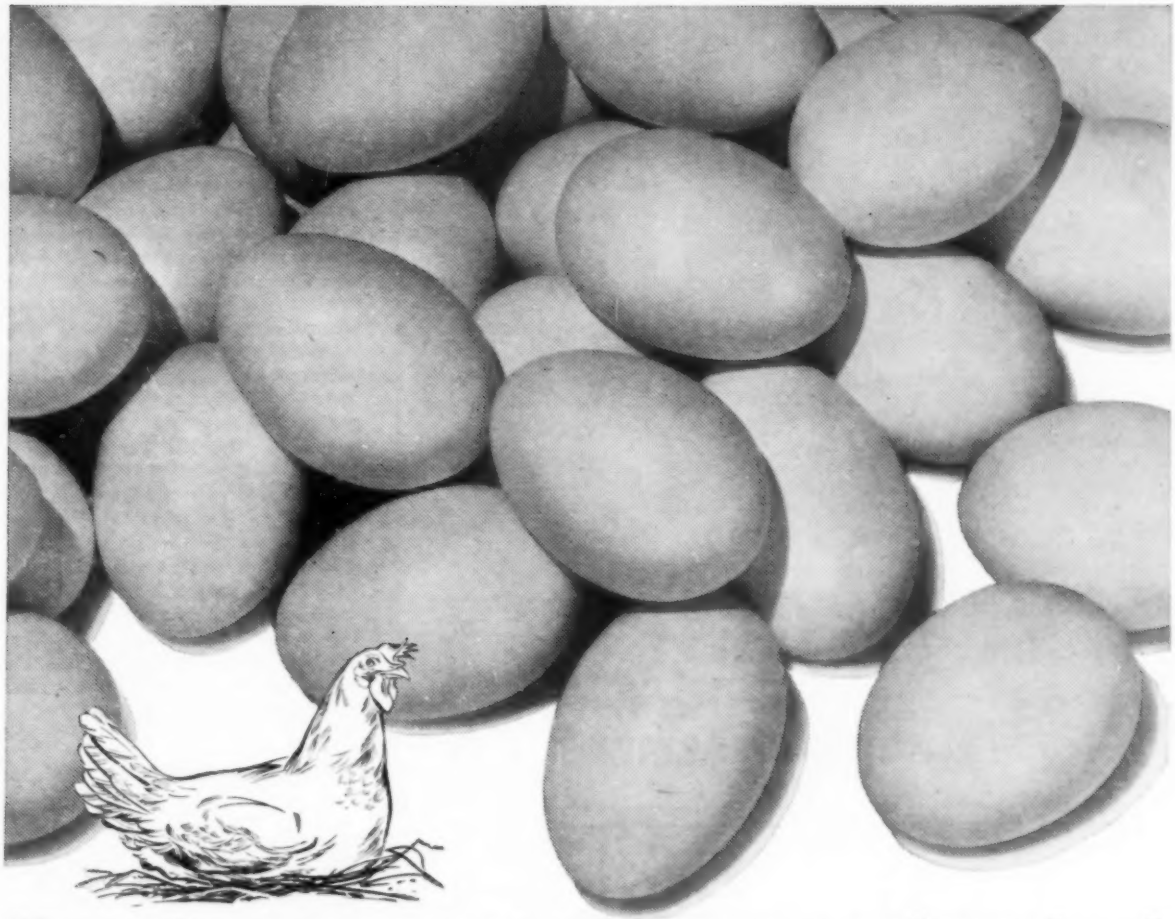
MORE THAN 50% OF THE VETERINARY CALLS on dairy farms in one big dairying state in 1956 were for non-infectious diseases...ketosis, breeding problems, weak calves, bloat, etc. Most of the problems could have been prevented by better feeds and feeding methods.

A LOT OF CATTLE ARE STILL ON FEED. On Jan. 1, the number was 4% more than on same day a year ago. Big corn supply still means a lot of beef from feedlots.

But cattle slaughter continues to run at record rates. Signs are that it'll soon be easing off, however, rising again by early summer. One uncertain factor: Will widespread drouth continue?

A lot of herds have already been liquidated. But if prospects for spring and summer pasture continue dim in much of Southwest and West, there can still be emergency sale of tens of thousands of drouth-area cattle, pushing spring markets down.

Cattle cycle may have reached its peak. If widespread drouth continues, there'll probably be fewer cattle this year than last. Plentiful rains, however, will bring restocking of range areas, and upswing of cattle population.



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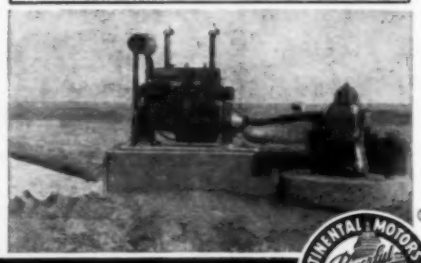

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How to profit with fall lambs

THE completion of two years of work at the Fort Reno Experiment Station in Oklahoma, involving problems connected with commercial lamb production, supplies ranchers and farmers with some answers to their problems. Since many sheep producers prefer fall-dropped lambs, studies of breeding during the spring, gestation during the summer and lambing in the fall were started in 1955.

The effect of temperature on ram performance was part of the studies. Since the normal time to mate sheep is in the fall or cool weather, spring mating has proven unsuccessful for many producers. Pairs of rams were kept in a cooled den from early morning until late afternoon, while half-brothers or more closely related rams were allowed to have shade but no cooling.

Temperature Drop Essential

In 1955 an evaporative cooler was used, but it lowered the temperature only three to eight degrees. A refrigerated air cooler was put to use in 1956, lowering the temperature 10 to 20 degrees. The rams were turned in with the ewes each evening and removed the following morning before the ewes went to pasture. Breeding began about May 20 and continued for 48 days.

One hundred of the ewes on test were grade Rambouillet, and 100 were one-fourth Panama and three-fourths Rambouillet backcross. Both groups were mated to yearling Dorset rams. Outside temperatures ranged from 97 to 100 degrees during the latter part of the breeding period. Score for cooled rams was 129 ewes settled in 1956, compared to 111 for the uncooled ones, and 14 more twins for the cooled ones, much improvement over 1955 results.

Effect of Shearing

The studies, run by Joe Whiteman, Richard S. Pittman and K. F. Brown, revealed that late shearing of the ewes to change body temperatures would affect the number of lambs dropped. Half the ewes in the 1956 tests were shorn on April 7 and the other half on May 12. Six more of the late shorn ewes conceived, while the number of ewes twinning more than doubled (16 to 36).

The lambing percentage of the two groups were compared with the grade Rambouillets. They showed 77 percent lamb crop in 1955, compared with 48 percent for the RxPR backcross ewes. In 1956, it was 79 percent lamb crop for the backcross and 106 percent for the Rambouillet ewes.

The ewes at Fort Reno grazed small pastures and traps near headquarters during the spring and summer and wintered on wheat pasture with their lambs. The lambs were creep-fed chopped alfalfa hay and sorghum grain (one-third to two-thirds mixture). Lambs were sold at 90 pounds.

Whiteman and associates conclude that the shearing time of the ewes, the kind of ewes and the temperature at which the rams are kept, all play an important part in the size of the lamb crop obtained where fall lambing is preferred. —*Tom Milligan*

Another use for sprinklers

THE novel but practical idea of preventing frost damage to truck crops by coating the plants with water—which then freezes into ice—requires some planning for satisfactory results.

Some experts say that a minimum water application rate should be 1/10- to 1/8-inch per hour per acre, as measured in cans between sprinklers. At this rate you'll use about 60 gallons a minute. This quantity of water should be applied continuously from the time temperature drops to around 34 degrees at plant level, and until all the ice is melted off the plants in the morning.

Some farmers use a thermostatic set-up to announce temperature drops. Inexpensive switches are placed in the field at plant level and wired to a bell alarm in the house. The switch is set to close the current at 34 degrees. That gives time to get out and put the irrigation system to work before the freezing point is reached.

If this system is not used, do the unpleasant thing of getting out about every 30 minutes to check temperature during nights when frost is expected. But use a good thermometer. Variation of a few degrees in temperature reading because of a faulty thermometer can cost you a crop as well as not having the irrigation system in condition for immediate use. —*H. L. Gantz*

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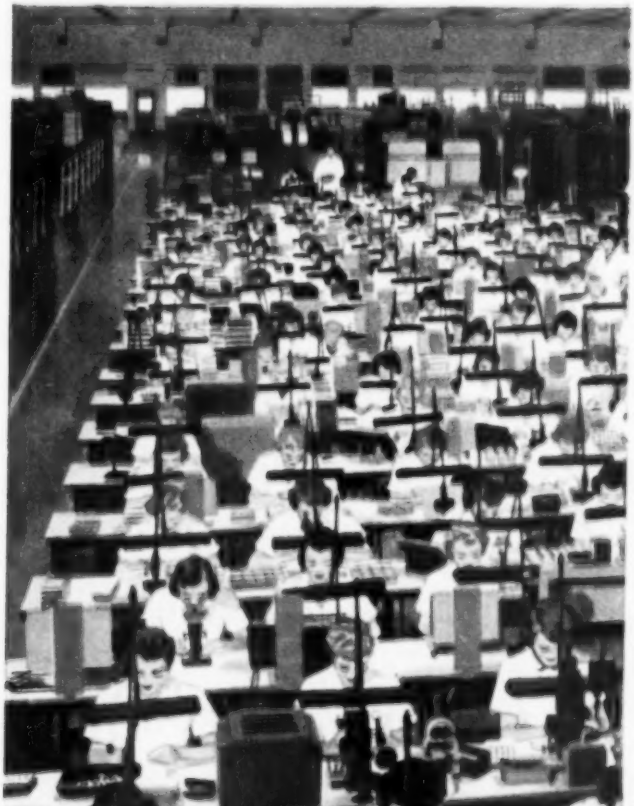

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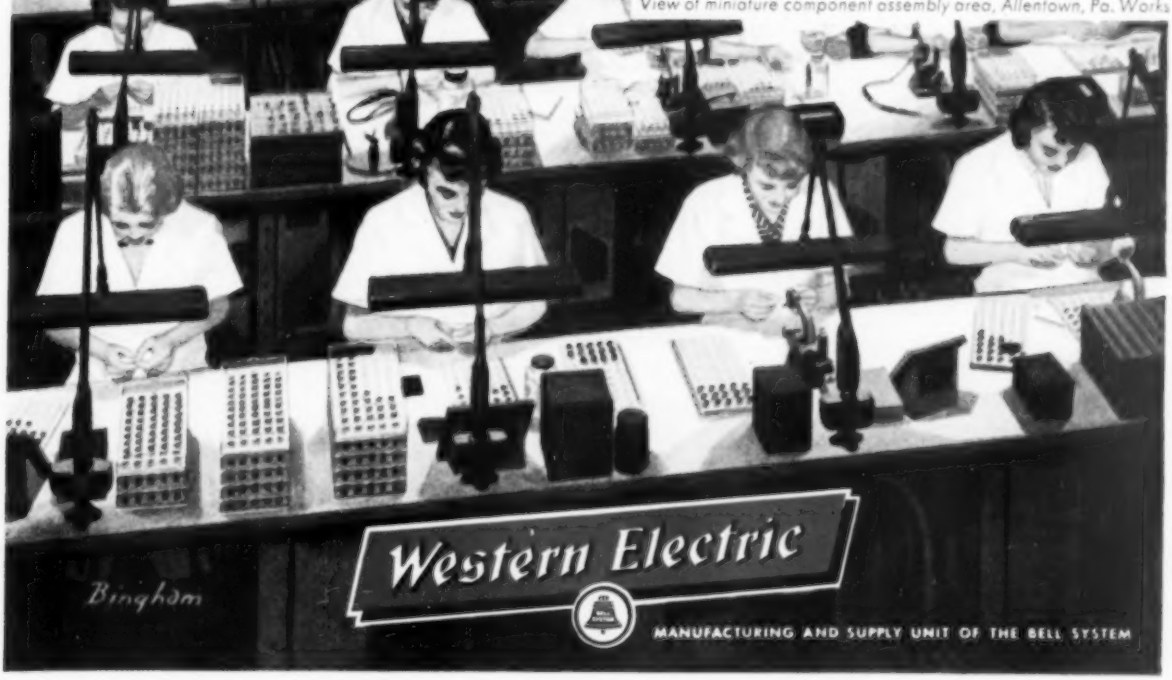

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Water Rights or Water Wrongs?

Do your state's water use laws measure up to modern demands?

THERE's a saying in some arid areas of the Western states that the quickest way to get rich is to be a lawyer, and get to handle a few water rights lawsuits.

At any rate, water—and who gets it—is the subject of many costly legal hassles in the arid and semi-arid West, where it has always been scarce.

Now, water-use headaches are developing in the humid Southeast, too. Not so many years ago, our only worry about water east of the Mississippi river was what to do with too much of it. But something new has been happening. Water is becoming as important—and sometimes as scarce—as land.

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Take the case of the Cherry Creek watershed in South Carolina, for example. There, the town of Gaffney for years had been using the creek as its source of town water. But when farmers downstream began needing a lot of water for irrigation, there wasn't enough for all users. The farmers had to stop irrigating or take legal action against the town.

South Carolina's water use law which affected the Cherry Creek problem is based generally on the common law of riparian rights, which holds that you have a right to use water from a surface body of water only if you own land touching it. The same common law is the general basis for existing water use laws in all Southeastern states.

Neighbor vs. Neighbor

Industrial and municipal uses take up a lot of water, of course. And when you or your neighbors start thinking about irrigating crops from surface sources—rivers, lakes or streams—you, your neighbors and nearby towns and industries become competitors for a water supply that may not be as plentiful as you thought. The creek which kept running all summer a few years ago can dry up fast this year when several heavy users start pumping out of it.

Then your state's water use laws—which may have been good enough a few years ago, when water wasn't so important—may suddenly become inadequate. Water use laws of the Southeastern states were written in a day when there was plenty of water for everybody. With few exceptions, they haven't been brought up to date for highly competitive water use conditions.

That's why every farmer has a big stake in his state legislature's action—or *(Continued on page 42)*

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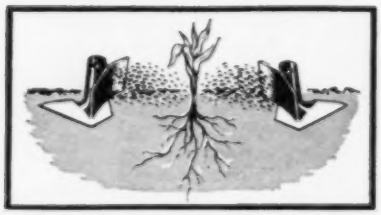

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The grass is cultivated as the corn is cultivated. Usual practice is to push a little soil over the young grass, so that natural competition is minimized. Fertilizer, applied to the corn at planting and as a side dressing, takes care of the fertilizer needs for the Coastal, too, until the corn is removed.

Taking the corn off early, as silage, gives the grass a better chance to grow without competition in late summer.

How well the system will work depends on rainfall and competition from weeds, of course. It can depend on soil type, too. In lighter soils, areas which have plentiful rainfall during the corn growing season are most favorable to the practice.

Dr. A. D. Weber honored by Agricultural Editors

Dr. Weber receiving the Distinguished Service Award from retiring President of the American Agricultural Editors' Association, Thos. J. Anderson, Editor of Farm and Ranch. Herschel D. Newsom, left, Master of the National Grange, and Earl Butz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, offer their congratulations.

DR. A. D. Weber, Dean of Agriculture at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, was recently presented the American Agricultural Editors' Association Distinguished Service Award.

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Dr. Weber has risen to be one of the nation's leading authorities on livestock. He probably is best known to the general public as a livestock judge, being the only American to judge the fat steer classes of the International Livestock Exposition, a task he has performed the last nine years.

How to knock out BITTERWEED

BEST way to control bitterweed, say some agronomists, is to regulate pasturing so it'll never get started. At any rate, overgrazing pastures does give this pesky weed—common in the Carolinas and some other states—its big opportunity to take over. Good pasture management—including mowing and generous fertilization—sets it back, but not always enough.

Troublesome though bitterweed is in pastures, it can be brought under control with chemicals. South Carolina experiments have shown that young bitterweed plants are quite susceptible to 2,4-D. The state's expert on weed control, Dr. W. B. Albert, of Clemson College, concludes that the practically complete control of the weed in pastures is possible. Cost for materials and labor can be nominal. Dr. Albert estimates that large scale elimination of bitterweed would cost about 50 cents per acre for the chemical.

Apply Control Early

Tests in South Carolina indicate that bitterweed in pastures may be controlled with 2,4-D applied well in advance of the usual cotton planting dates (to avoid killing cotton with drifting spray from the 2,4-D). The material can be used after cotton is planted if proper precautions are taken. Important advantage of early application, however, is that bitterweed can be destroyed before the plants have made much growth and taken up much moisture and plant nutrients.

Recommended rate for control of bitterweed is one pint of 2,4-D amine per acre, applied up to the time seed formation begins. Later application should be made only if these precautions are observed:

1. Use low pressures and use nozzles designed for weed spraying.
2. Don't spray when the wind is blowing toward sensitive crops.
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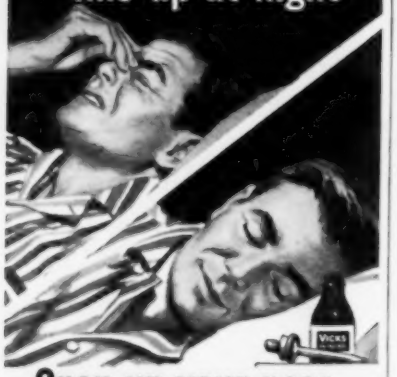

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Water Rights or Water Wrongs

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lack of action—on water use problems.

Every Southeastern state has formed a citizens' water study committee. Some of the committees have completed reports — with recommendations for legislative action. Others expect to have reports ready for public and legislative attention soon.

One of the model reports is *Water in Georgia*, prepared by that state's Water Use and Conservation Committee, in 1955. You can get a copy of it from the State Soil Conservation Committee, Agricultural Extension Service, University of Georgia, Athens. Another is South Carolina's *Water Policy for South Carolina*, a report of the state's Water Policy Committee, submitted to the general assembly of South Carolina in 1954. The committee also submitted, in 1955, detailed recommendations for revisions and clarifications in the state's 100-year-old water use laws.

The citizens' committees of several other Southeastern states have completed similarly comprehensive and detailed studies of the water use problems and needs of their states. Although each of the committees has watched the methods and results of other states' work, each committee has tailored its conclusions and recommendations for its own state. Obviously, that's necessary. Although the problems are similar, details of how to solve them can't be the same in any two states.

Two states—Mississippi and Virginia—last year enacted broad legislation to define and clarify water use limitations. The two states thus provided what were probably the most modern water rights laws in the Southeast.

Mississippi's new laws are considered the most comprehensive water use legislation in the Southeast. Virginia's laws — though modernized— may yet need further elaboration and strengthening. In that state, recent surveys indicate that even such abundant sources as the Potomac River, in its upper channel and its tributaries, may not be able to meet all the agricultural, industrial and municipal demands on it in the near future.

North Carolina's 1951 legislation, which requires permits before irrigating from a stream or lake, is modern. And adequate protection for the water supply of towns is assured. But it isn't very comforting to irrigation farmers—even if they have permits. That's because the permits can be re-

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voked if they "interfere" with institutional or municipal water supplies.

The citizens' committees studies and recommendations in the other states are good starts toward the new legislation most of them feel their states need. But it takes more than studies. Although the recommendations of the Georgia and South Carolina committees were submitted several years ago, neither state had completed any legislative action before this year. Unless their general assemblies act during the current session, both states will still be lacking modern water use legislation.

The 1955 Georgia assembly, however, showed its interest by taking one decisive and far-reaching step. It created a Water Law Revision Commission to submit final recommendations to the 1957 assembly.

It isn't just a problem of surface lakes and streams. Most underground water sources are shared by several users—and may be exhaustible, too. In a rural, farming section near Nashville, Tennessee, a huge, new office building now under construction may draw its big water supply through wells from a limited underground "pool." Under present Tennessee law, there's nothing to prevent exhaustion of the "pool" by the biggest user—the office building—leaving none for the many neighboring farmers who depend on it for their water supply.

It's also a problem of surface water pollution—and of rights affecting "diffused" surface water, running downhill through no particular channel after a rainfall.

They're all problems which the water study committees are asking their state assemblies and legislatures to solve by complete new laws.

Assemblies being what they are, action may sometimes be slow and uncertain. What they do or don't do is important to you, as a crop farmer, because:

- **It affects your investment and success with an irrigation system** when you install one. And it can even affect your supply of household and livestock water. Better *know* what the law is before you invest.

- **If your state doesn't have adequate water rights laws,** you're involved. It's in your interest to find out what's being done, and what needs to be done. Work with your local Soil Conservation Service on Soil Conservation District, or farm organization, or county agent, to find out. Ask your own state representative or assembly member what's being done. If there's any heel-dragging, or impending threat to *your* interests, find out about it now. It can save you a lot of headaches later.

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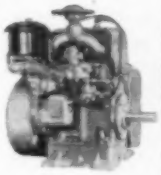

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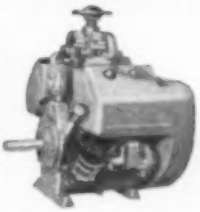

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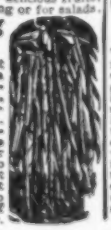

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In the lawsuit by this mechanic against the farm owner for the owner's negligence in failing to release these springs, the Circuit Court of that county decided in favor of the farmer. On appeal, however, this decision was reversed. In ordering a new trial, the Mississippi Supreme Court said, of the duty of the owner of the farm to warn this mechanic of the danger, that the rule of law that an employee cannot recover damages for injuries from the thing he is hired to repair, relates only to ordinary risks of the work.

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A diagnosis of inflammation of the thyroid gland, or thyroiditis, was made, and Mr. T. was sent to an X-ray specialist for X-ray treatments over the gland.

Besides X-ray treatment doctors now use several medicines to cure this disease. Antibiotics seem to be of little help, but cortesone and related hormones are helpful.

Thyroiditis is not a common disease, but it happens often enough that the public ought to know that any sore throat that lasts should be studied by a doctor to make sure that it isn't something else.

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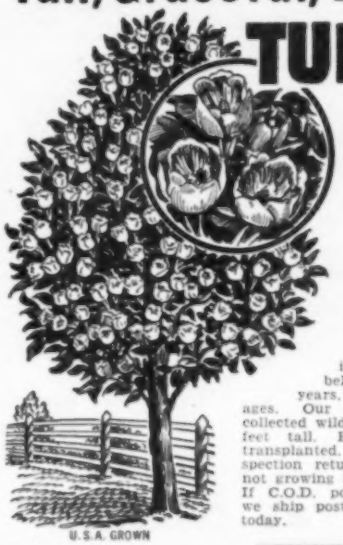

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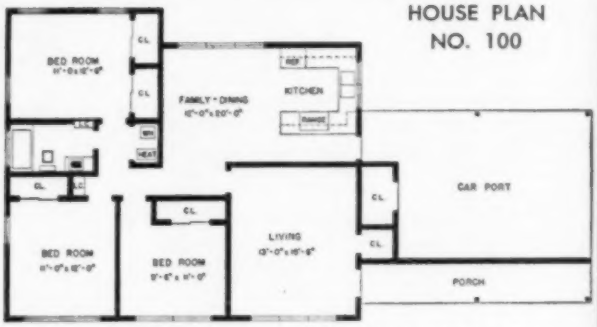

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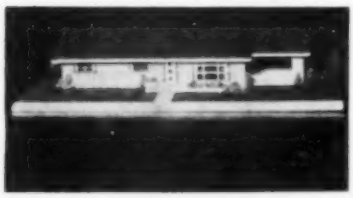

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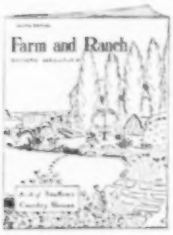

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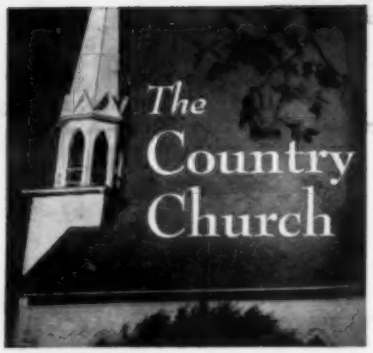

By Walter R. Courtenay, D.D.

The Winds of March

MARCH is the month of winds. As a boy on the farm I remember how the trees bent, the pines moaned, the eves howled and the clouds scudded. My superiors used to look up at the sky as March approached and quote the old proverb, "In like a lion, out like a lamb. In like a lamb, out like a lion." If March began with high, strong winds it usually ended with quiet ones. If it began with quiet ones it usually ended with strong, blustery ones. March, for me, has always been the month of winds.

With my growth in size, physical, mental and spiritual, I have learned that March brings to me another wind, the wind of God. As spring prepares to crack the ice on northern lakes and wakens the daffodils around our homes, the soul of man feels another wind blowing, the wind of God. It bids us bend like trees before our Father's law and love. It sings to us of far places and tells us stories of creative power.

Liturgical churches that follow a set calendar and place great emphasis on ritual, call this the time of Lent. The word "Lent" is an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning, "springtime." In the church it means God's springtime in the souls of men, the time to plow and plant; our lives need it more than our fields. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday, March 6th, until Easter, April 21, in this year's calendar. It is the time of "Forty Days," commemorating the pre-Promised Land experiences of Israel in the wilderness, and the days our Lord spent in the wilderness.

Whether we call this period Lent or something else does not matter. The important thing is this: Let these pre-Easter days be plow-and-planting days for us; the time when God's mighty wind, the Holy Spirit, stirs the souls of men and bids them be more faithful to their God.

Let's have Salmon

YOU and your family may not observe Lent. Nevertheless you get the question, I'll bet, "When are we going to have salmon?" So-o let's have salmon! There are scores of ways canned salmon can be prepared and it rates in dishes from soup to salads. It also rates high in food value. The least expensive is just as nutritious as the highest priced. Any one of the five varieties of canned salmon can be used in any recipe calling for salmon. Use the entire contents of the can — liquid and bones, as well as salmon —all is good.

Salmon Chowder

4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 large onion, sliced
1 1-pound can whole kernel or cream style corn
2 cups diced potatoes
1 1-pound can salmon
2¼ to 2¾ cups milk
2 tablespoons parsley (may be dried parsley flakes)
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon Tabasco

Melt butter in large saucepan, add onion and cook until tender but not brown. If whole kernel corn is used, drain corn and add liquid to saucepan. If cream style corn is used, add ½ cup water to saucepan. Bring to a boil, add potatoes, cover and cook 10 minutes. Drain can of salmon into a measuring cup. Add enough milk to salmon liquid to make 3 cups, add to potatoes, flake salmon, add to potatoes, then add corn. If dried parsley is used, add now and bring all just below boiling. If fresh parsley is used, add after bringing mixture to boiling point. Add *(Continued on page 55)*

Bake a Bouquet

THESE cookies may look as though they are lots of trouble and take a long time to make. But they are easy and quick to do, especially if you use a basic cookie mix. You know everything is in the mix except the liquid. You can make a variety of cookies from a mix-rolled, refrigerator or dropped cookies, also brownies. Shown here are: Daisies made with rolled cookie mix and topped with tinted sugar and a chocolate morsel; also star cookies with tinted sugar and silver candies; there are brownies, and blackeyed Susans iced with chocolate peppermint frosting and topped with a thimble sized cookie.

Spring Bouquet Cookies

1 14-oz. package cookie mix
½ cup sifted flour
¼ cup water

Put cookie mix into mixing bowl. Add flour and water. Mix with a fork, then knead with the hands until the mixture is blended. Chill 15 minutes. Roll out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth to ⅛ inch thickness—or thinner if desired. Cut with shaped cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven 375° 5 to 7 minutes. This recipe makes 5 to 7 dozen cookies depending on thickness and size.

Basic Cookie Mix Recipe

1½ cups sifted flour
½ cup non fat dry milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1-2 tablespoons water
½ teaspoon vanilla flavoring

Sift flour, dry milk, baking powder and salt together. Cream shortening, gradually add sugar and cream well. Add egg, one tablespoon water and flavoring, beat well. Blend flour mixture into creamed mixture, if needed, add one tablespoon water. Wrap dough in wax paper and chill for 30 minutes. Roll dough out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth to ⅛ inch thickness or thinner if desired. Cut with shaped cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven 5 to 7 minutes. This will make 6 to 8 dozen cookies depending on thickness and size.

Daisy Cookies. Cut cookie dough with scalloped cutter. Add few drops of food coloring to sugar, mix well until all sugar is evenly colored. Sprinkle over cookies. Put chocolate morsel in center. Bake as directed.

Black-Eyed Susans. Cut dough with scalloped cutter, with thimble, cut centers for topping cookies, from dough remaining after cutting scalloped *(Continued on page 55)*

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MAIN DISH SALADS

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Some salads may be arranged as are the parts of the salad you see in the taste-teasing picture shown here. Then everyone can take what he or she wants and add the dressing accordingly. The serve-yourself salad is an especially good idea if you have a food fuss-budget in your family—you get around his objection without calling attention to it . . . You may mix or toss this salad and let it chill a while before mealtime.

A hearty salad, rolls, milk or hot chocolate and dessert make a noon or evening meal fit for a king and his family.

Hearty Tuna Salad

2 cups cubed cold boiled potatoes
2 cans tuna, drained
¼ cup French dressing
¾ cup chopped sweet pickles
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
¾ cup chopped celery
3 drops Tabasco
¾ cup mayonnaise or cooked salad dressing

Pour 2 tablespoons French dressing on potatoes, toss and let stand in refrigerator 1 hour or longer. In another bowl flake the tuna and add the remaining 2 tablespoons French dressing, let (Continued on page 57)

When you put the "makin's" on the table, everybody can toss his or her own salad.

Bake a Bouquet

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ones. Spread chocolate peppermint frosting just to the edge of the scalloped cookies. Sprinkle yellow tinted sugar over thimble cookies and place in center of frosted ones.

Star Cookies. Cut out 3 sizes of cookies, 2-inch, 1½-inch small scalloped cookies and small star ones. Sprinkle the 2-inch scalloped cookies with one color of sugar, the 1½-inch cookies with another color of sugar. Put smaller cookie on top of larger one and top with star cookie. Place a small silver candy in center of star. Bake as directed.

Chocolate Peppermint Frosting

- 1 package chocolate morsels
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- ⅓ cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon peppermint flavoring

Melt morsels over hot—not boiling water. Remove from heat. Add milk, sugar and salt, beat until smooth. Add flavoring and stir. You can use a cone-shaped drinking cup or a cone made of paper for ease in putting a small amount of frosting on. Put about 2 tablespoons of frosting in cone, fold over top edge, cut a bit off the paper tip. Press down to force frosting onto cookies.

Ed note: If you want recipe for chocolate filled meringuettes and calla lilies, write Iris Davenport, Farm and Ranch, Nashville, Tennessee.

Let's Have Salmon

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Salmon Savory

- 1 1-pound can peas
- 1 4-ounce can mushrooms*
- Milk
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 1-pound can salmon

Drain peas and mushrooms into measuring cup. Add enough milk to make 2½ cups. Add Tabasco. Melt butter, add onion and cook until tender, but do not brown. Add flour, mustard and salt, stir until smooth. Add small amount of milk-vegetable liquid mixture. Mix well and add remaining liquid mixture, mix well. Bring to boil, stirring constantly—cook until mixture thickens. Drain salmon and flake. Add it to sauce. Then add peas and mushrooms. Simmer for 5 minutes. Serve over split hot buttered biscuits, toast or waffles.

*½ cup chopped celery may be used in place of mushrooms—but the mushrooms make the dish migh-tee good. If celery is used cook it with the onions.

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- 1 cup pecan meats

Roll pastry 1/8 inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350°F.) and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer or until a silver knife inserted in center of filling comes out clean.

*If salted nuts are used omit salt.

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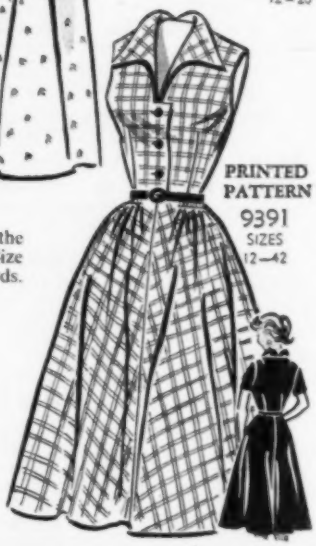

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Main Dish Salads

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stand in refrigerator 1 hour or longer. Mix potato, tuna and all ingredients together. Toss well. Serve on lettuce. Sprinkle with paprika and finely chopped parsley. Makes 4-6 servings.

Baked Bean Salad

- 1 can beans in tomato sauce, drained
- ½ cup cheese, cut in tiny strips
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced onions
- ½ cup sweet relish
- 4 drops Tabasco
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients and toss well. Chill for at least an hour. Serve on lettuce. Makes 4-5 servings.

Frankfurter Salad

- 6 cooked frankfurters, slice diagonally
- 2 cups diced cooked potatoes
- ¼ cup minced onion
- ½ cup chopped cucumber or celery
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 3 tablespoons chile sauce
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 drops Tabasco
- ⅓ cup mayonnaise

Put franks, potatoes, onion and cucumber in bowl. Mix mustard, chili sauce, vinegar, salt, Tabasco and mayonnaise together. Pour over ingredients in bowl and toss well. Serve on lettuce. Makes 6 servings.

Spanish Corn Slaw

- 4 cups finely shredded green cabbage
- 1 cup whole grain corn
- ¼ cup pimiento
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup salted peanuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 3 tablespoons French dressing

Have vegetables crisp. Mix all ingredients and toss well. Makes 5-6 servings.

Let's Have Salmon

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Salmon Bake

- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 egg well beaten
- 2 tablespoons melted margarine
- 1 1-pound can salmon
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper

Put all ingredients except salmon in mixing bowl, mix well. Drain salmon and flake, add to crumb mixture, mix well. Shape into a round loaf, put in a greased baking pan. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F) 30 minutes. Cut into wedges for serving, garnish with lime slices and pimiento, if desired. Serves 4.

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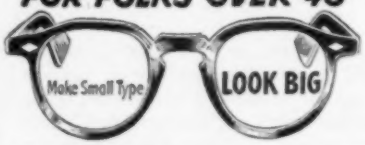

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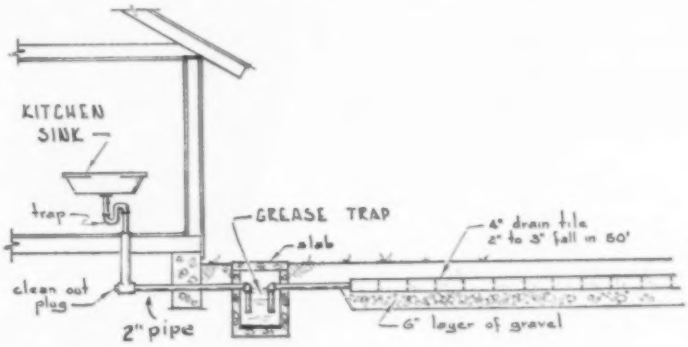
What you'll need are two lengths of 2-inch pipe with fittings, an old 20- to 40-gallon barrel, enough concrete to make a 4-inch wall about the barrel, 50-feet or more of 4-inch tile drain, 2 cubic yards of gravel and a horseshoe or iron ring for a handle to remove the slab door on top.

Construction is easy. Locate the grease trap 5 to 10 feet from the house, or if the ground slope is sufficient, it could be placed 25 to 40 feet from the house. Longer lines, however, are more subject to stoppage trouble. Using the barrel for the inside form, make the walls of the trap about 4 inches thick. The slab door on top should be the same thickness, and an old horseshoe or iron ring could be cast into the slab for a handhold. Incoming and outgoing drain pipes enter and leave the trap through ells. (See diagram.)

The drain line should be at least 18 inches wide at the bottom and laid from 10 to 12 inches below the ground surface, dropping 2 to 3 inches in 50 feet. Cover the bottom of the line with 6 inches of gravel. Place a piece of tar paper over the top of each tile joint to prevent dirt from silting into the tile line when it is covered.

A grease trap such as the above allows the grease to collect at the top and the coarser material to settle; otherwise, the grease and heavier material would enter the tile line and cause stoppage. However, don't neglect to clean the trap frequently. Exactly how often will depend on the quality of waste and size of trap.



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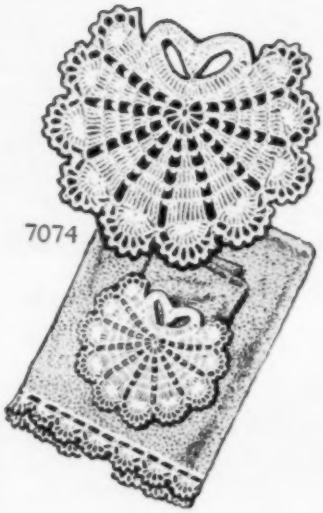

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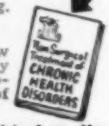

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JEWEL'S POEM

Here is the key to my playhouse
In the wood by the pebbly shore;
It's winter now; I wonder if
There is snow about the door?
I wonder if the fir trees tap
Green fingers on the pane?
If sea gulls cry and the roof is wet
And tink-ly in the rain?
I wonder if the flower-sprigged cups
And plates sit on their shelf?
And if my little painted chair
Is rocking by itself?

—Jewel Dean Cook
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MAXINE'S POEM

Mr. Robin, in my cherry tree,
Helping yourself to my finest fruit.
You are but taking your well-earned fee
And are welcome to your loot.
Take your fill and happy be,
But please, oh, please, leave a few for me.

—Maxine Bresock (age 12)
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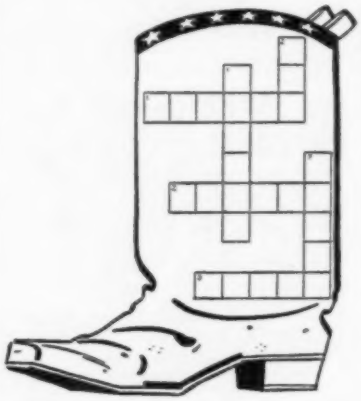

ACROSS

1. Cowboy's roping knot
2. Bucking horse
3. Cowboy's leg coverings

DOWN:

1. Cowboy's gun
2. Cowboy's head piece
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(Answers to last month's puzzle. Down: 1. watt; 2. father; 3. seed. Across: 1. Washington; 2. dined; 3. the; 4. Ted.)

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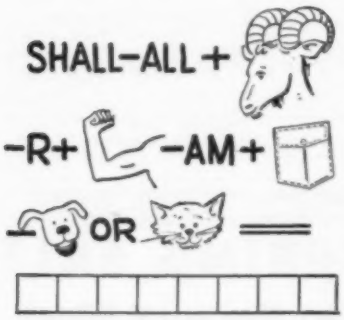
Answer elsewhere in PLAYTIME.)



VIOLET'S LETTER

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—Violet Poole (Age 15)
Cross Anchor School

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St. Patrick's Day puzzle: SHAMROCK.)

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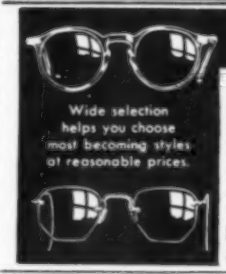

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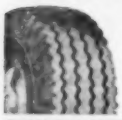

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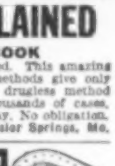

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Straight Talk

by Dave Anderson

WHO is a farmer? Before we decide exactly what government should do for farmers we need to decide who is a farmer. Twenty-two million Americans live on farms. Several million more are city farmers of various kinds: Absentee landlords, tax deduction farmers, hobby farmers, nature lovers, and producers of back-yard parity patches. Who is a farmer? Are the 30 per cent of people living on part-time or residential farms "farmers," even though their main source of income is not farming? Are town people who have cotton or tobacco allotments in their backyards farmers? Should the farm program be for anybody who calls himself a farmer? For anybody who grows a price-supported crop?

There are about 4,800,000 American farms (8,300,000 fewer farmers than in 1940). About 2,200,000 of these farms are commercial farms, mostly family operations. These farms account for around 88 percent of our total agricultural production. You've heard that farmers now comprise only 13 percent of the U. S. population. Actually, the total is not nearly that high. Because that 13 percent includes 878,136 residential farms whose occupants like to "live in the country" but who don't really farm for a living. They sell less than $250 of farm products a year. They get most of their income from other work. Price supports don't affect them much because they have little to sell. So there are really less than three million honest-to-goodness full-time, producing farmers. That's about eight percent of the population. And that eight percent produces most of the food and fiber sold in this country and abroad.

About ten percent of the "farms" are under ten acres and about six percent are over 500 acres. Should the farm program include them too? The one is not really a farm and the other ought not to need permanent government help.

How Do We Start to De-control?

How do we get back to a free, de-controlled, supply-and-demand agriculture without hurting too many people? It can't be done suddenly. But we should make a beginning, now. Some ideas were expressed on this page in December '55, January '56 and February '56 aimed in that direction. The suggestions received wide and enthusiastic support from subscribers. But there were several quite radical features which scared some people. And politics being what it is, I'll freely admit that some of the ideas were scarcely feasible politically.

In brief, I suggested de-subsidizing top and bottom fringes: corporate farms, tax-deduction, hobby, and play-farmers, and inefficient, subsistence farmers by:

1. Making ineligible for any Federal Government subsidies or services every farmer whose non-farm income (based on three years' income tax reports) exceeded, say $5,000.

2. Making farm losses non-deductible from non-farm income, so every farming operation would have to stand on its own legs taxwise.

3. A stepped-up subsidy program for the lower-fringe subsistence farmer to subsidize him, not to stay in farming when he hasn't a chance to live decently, but to get a good job in town.

I felt then and feel now that the farm program and all Federal Government services should be restricted to the "family farm," the farm in which the farm family has management control of the operation, whose main business is farming, who is dependent on it for their livelihood, and who actually engage in farm work.

If we could make ineligible for any part of the farm program the clerk who has a .6 acre tobacco allotment in his backyard, the tycoon whose lands are a tax-and-inflation dodge, city garden clubs, and hobbyists, it'd be far easier to return to a free, supply-and-demand agriculture. (And to balance the budget). If the subsistence farmers got a job in town they'd live better and would be an asset to the nation instead of a drain on the taxpayer. Of course, such a procedure would be "class legislation" (which we already have too much of) and might be dangerous to do on even a temporary basis though the ultimate aim would be a free, classless agriculture.

The Future Is Bright—For the Efficient

It is a sad and brutal fact that more farmers are going to have to quit farming. What better time to quit than in the period of our greatest prosperity? Once we have a depression or even a good recession, new jobs in town will get scarce.

And a good way to have a depression is for the government to keep spending astronomical sums to pay people to stay in farming when everybody concerned would be better off if they moved to other fields. We must find a way to quit supporting unneeded production. Everyone who wants to stay on a farm has every right in a free country to stay. But it's silly to pay him permanently to stay permanently.

What to do for the small "inefficient" farmer? Those who have neither the land, know-how or desire *ought* to move into industry. Or to put it another way, if they insist on staying on the farm they should not stay on a permanent dole. Mightn't it make more sense to subsidize inefficient farmers and those on unproductive land to leave the farm so the ones who're left could make a better living in a free market? It would be better for everybody concerned for the government to pay the cost of moving a family off the farm than to pay it to stay there. If the ones who haven't got a chance to make a decent income are helped to get jobs in industry and quit farming, the better farmers who need only more land to succeed can be helped to get the necessary credit to acquire adequate land and equipment.

There will continue to be less and less room for bottom-fringe farmers, farmers with poor land, farmers with little know-how and little desire.

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